

Crofton Meadows Elementary Weekly Wrap Up – Friday, March 13, 2020

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Good Afternoon Crofton Meadows Elementary Families!

Here is your Weekly Wrap Up for the week ending Friday, March 13, 2020.

What's Happening - What a week! The superintendent of schools for the state of Maryland decided to close all public schools from March 16th – March 27th. We know this is a major disruption to you and your family. In an effort to keep students focused on staying health and learning during this break, the central office of AACPS has prepared e-learning opportunities for the students to access from home. Lessons are posted on the e-learning site or on AACPS-TV. Students and families can access the e-learning from the front page of www.aacps.org. Students should use their regular username and password to access the lessons. For grades K-3 their username is their student id number and their password is their birthdate in this order YYYYMMDD, four digit year, two digit month, two digit day. For students in grades 4 and 5, their username is their student id number and their password was determine by the student. Students are expected (to the best of their ability) to access and complete the lessons on the e-learning site or AACPS-TV however, no assignments or assessments will be collected or graded. This is an opportunity for students to keep their brains growing and their skills sharp. We also strongly encourage students to **read, read, read** during the break. First In Math activities are also a wonderful way to build and reinforce basic math skills.

While we recognize the huge disruption this closure causes your family, we hope that these learning opportunities will help provide some resources and structure to the continued learning for our students. As you are also aware this closure has caused significant changes to the school routines and schedule of events. You can find these changes (as of now) are listed below. I will continue to send ConnectEd messages and the Weekly Wrap Up during the closure to provide the latest information I have that effects our school operation. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation during this difficult time.

Students with IEPs - The special education team sent home packets of work for students with IEPs for academic areas on today. The packets are meant to be used in place of or in addition to the materials on e-learning site. This was done with the understanding that some children may need something different or additional, therefore, many of the materials have more explicit and clear instructions and can be done with minimal adult support. These assignments will not be graded but rather will be an avenue for students to practice skills already learned.

Field Trips – At the direction of the superintendent of AACPS, all field trips have been cancelled. As of this time we have no direction on rescheduling these experiences. Any monies or fees that have been paid will be refunded as soon as possible.

Assemblies, Clubs, Meetings, Events, etc. – At the direction of the superintendent of AACPS, all meeting, assemblies, meetings, clubs, etc. have been cancelled until further notice.

IEP and 504 Meetings – All IEP and 504 meetings scheduled between March 16th to March 27th have been cancelled. The staff at CMES will be reaching out to those families that will need to be rescheduled.

Volunteers – Although we greatly appreciate our wonderful volunteers, upon direction from AACPS, we ask that volunteering in the school take a pause. We will let everybody know when we can welcome the volunteers back into the building.

Science Fair – We will still conduct the CMES Science fair when we return to school after the two week closure. Science projects should be turned into the classroom teacher no later than April 1, 2020. The classroom judging will be held on April 2, 2020 and the CMES Science Fair will be judged on April 3, 2020. All awards will be announced in the Weekly Wrap Up and posted on the school website. Unfortunately, due to the guidance from AACPS and the AACO Health Department, we will not be hosting an evening event for parents to view all the science projects.

Fifth Grade Promotion – TBD

Spring Band/Strings/Chorus Concerts – TBD

Field Day - TBD

Kindergarten Registration for 2020-2021 – Kindergarten Registration is still scheduled to begin on April 1, 2020. Any changes will be posted on the AACPS website.

A Message from our Guidance Counselor: As we prepare for the closing of schools it is important to remember that children’s anxiety may be heightened during this time. We have included a helpful article by the National Association of School Psychologists on how to support your children regarding the coronavirus. During the next two weeks I would encourage you to help your child practice stress reducing coping skills such as journaling, reading, coloring, yoga and mindfulness practice. I have included some apps that can be downloaded for free on a mobile device that might be helpful: Headspace, Breathe Think Do with Sesame, Calm, Daniel’s Tiger’s Grr-ific Feelings and GoNoodle. In addition, if your family needs

help with food during the school closing you can contact Caring Cupboard at contact@caringcupboardllc.com. They may be able to provide delivery also if transportation is a problem.

A Message from our PE Teacher: If you would like to stay active and healthy over the next two weeks at home [here](#) is a list of at home movement opportunities that are fun for the whole family.

A Message from our Media Specialist: In an effort to provide high-quality resources for students while our school is closed, we want you to know that your child still has remote and continued access to our school databases, eBooks and numerous applications such as the Google Education package, WeVideo, Wixie, Typing Club, First in Math and many other applications that your child uses on a daily basis.

Databases appropriate for Primary: students are (in the order of ease of use and readability): PebbleGo, World Book Early Learning, Discovery Education, and DK. The remaining databases are geared toward Intermediate grades. Many of the databases have narration abilities. When using eBooks, the Capstone and Mackin books can be accessed without a user name and password. Capstone is Ms. Radisi's preferred platform as the books are narrated with a human voice rather than a computer-generated voice.

Various ways to access our databases and eBooks:

In URL, type mackinvia.com

Select our school

User name is: your child's student ID number

Password is: the last 4 digits of the student ID

or:

Download <https://www.google.com/chrome/> browser to access Classlinks (your child uses the applications included on their Classlinks page frequently for in-school instruction)

Marvelous Mustangs - This week's Marvelous Mustangs are: Riley M., Olivia B., Aaron Y., Kendall D., Nick C., Lydia S., Ivanna B., Gavin D., Lucas O., Danaisha B., Nikita K., Bryce J., Salina K., Madison S., Eva K., and Trinity G. Congratulations to these Marvelous Mustangs! You are setting the example for *The Crofton Meadows Way* – Work Hard. Be Kind. Be Safe.

First In Math! -

Math March Madness is in FULL SWING!

March 1-7 Qualifying Round- determines Sweet 16

Sweet 16 Teams are now posted in our hallway!

FIRST IN MATH®

MATH MADNESS IN MARCH!



March 8-14 Will narrow down the bracket to the top 8 teams with the highest sticker count for the week.

March 15-20 (TBD) will decide our Top 4 First in math Teams with the highest sticker count for the week.

March 22-28 (TBD) will determine our TOP First in Math Team with the highest sticker count and our Team Champions.

Let's CELEBRATE!

**Crofton Meadows is currently the TOP SCHOOL in the state of Maryland!
We did it! We are now in the Top 20 Schools in the nation!!! Can we hit Sweet 16? I think we can!**

FIM Updates!

Teams of the Week:

1st Place- Mrs. Gleason's 3rd Grade

2nd place Ms. Adam's 3rd Grade

3rd Place- Mrs. Shield's 4th Grade

Players of the Week:

1st Place Hailey - 3rd Grade

2nd Place- Tala 3rd Grade

3rd Place- Ryan P 3rd Grade

CONGRATULATIONS to ALL of our **NEW GRAND CHAMPIONS 10,000+ Stickers!**

Way to Go!

3rd Grade- Hailey

5th Grade- Coco

CONGRATULATIONS to ALL of our players who have reached **100 on their Goals Index!!**

3rd grade- Leise

Parent Portal Access – Parent Portal allows parents of students in grades 1-12 to monitor their student’s academic progress throughout the school year. Look for the Parent Portal icon at the top of the AACPS website at www.aacps.org.

Changes to the Box Tops for Education Program - No more clipping!... Just scan your receipt! The Box Tops for Education will no longer be accepting box top clips. Parents can download the app and scan their store receipt. The box tops are then instantly added to our school’s earnings online. Check out the video to learn more: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hh94b2BvFK4

Reminders:

Crossing Guards: The Crossing Guards on Tilghman Drive at the front driveway and on Chelmsford at the path in the back of the school do not report for duty until 8:00 AM. Students are being dropped off at these intersections prior to 8:00 AM where they are hanging out or crossing the intersections without assistance. Please do not drop off your students at these intersections before the crossing guards are on duty.

Inclement weather, traffic delays, etc.: Please remember to have a back-up plan in place for student dismissal if and when there is an emergency or parents are stuck in traffic. Parents should notify the office when they have to activate their back up plan.

Appropriate dress for the weather: Please remember to have students wear coats and other cold weather garments to school. If the “feels like” temperature is above 32 degrees, and the weather is nice, the students go outside for recess. Also, remember to label their clothing with the student’s name so the item can be returned to the rightful owner if lost.

Early dismissal: If you are picking up your student for early dismissal, it is best to do so at least 15 minutes or more prior to the actual dismissal time (2:55PM). This will allow the student time to gather their belongings and come to the office. It will also help expedite your dismissal from the parking lot so you are not caught in the regular dismissal traffic.

Planning Ahead:

March 16 – 27, 2020

School Closed by order of the Governor and State Superintendent of Schools. All school related activities have been cancelled until further notice.

PTO News

In guidance with AACPS all PTO activities are cancelled Monday, March 16 - Friday, March 27. This includes PTO meetings, movie night, and school programs. The following programs are cancelled for the remainder of the school year: Chess Club (no club today), Abrakadoodle Art Club, Robotics Club, Girls on the Run. For those paid programs, the companies will be reaching out about refunds.

Feedback about the entire Weekly Wrap Up is welcome at jtrumbule@aacps.org.